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1. AT HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING TODAY, SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF RUMANIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS, WHOM HE DISCOURAGED FROM PURSUING OBSERVER STATUS IN OECD, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, SECY-GENERAL DID INDICATE THAT AD HOC CONTACTS ON TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND GENERAL COOPERATION, SUCH AS PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN OECD CONFERENCES OR SYMPOSIUMS, MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE. DURING COURSE OF THEIR CONVERSATION, RUMANIAN HAD EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ENERGY AND OIL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION. ALTHOUGH REBUFFED BY SECY-GENERAL, HE PLANS TO DISCUSS VAN LENNEP'S RESPONSE WITH HIS AMBASSADOR TO DETERMINE IF FURTHER ACTION IS WARRANTED.

2. DURING DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED AT HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING, THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR SECY-
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GENERAL'S RESPONSE TO RUMANIANS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS,

INCLUDING IRISH, ITALIAN, SWEDISH AND AUSTRIAN,
OBSERVED THAT WHILE THEY AGREED OECD SHOULD NOT BE
ENLARGED NOW AND THAT THE HOMOGENEITY OF THE ORGANIZA-
TION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, DOOR SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR
SUCH OVERTURES IN FUTURE. DELEGATES OF JAPAN AND
GERMANY, RESPECTIVELY, OBVIOUSLY UPON INSTRUCTION,
EXPRESSED RESERVATION TO CONSIDERATION OF RUMANIA FOR
OBSERVER STATUS, AND GERMAN AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT
RUMANIA TURN TO ECE IN GENEVA FOR MUCH OF THE TYPE OF
ECONOMIC INFORMATION THEY SEEMED TO BE SEEKING. ITALY
AND PORTUGAL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RUMANIA'S ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN OECD FUNCTIONS AND THE
MAINTENANCE OF CONTACT IN OTHER FORMS.
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